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subject 1: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 23, 24, 50-51 (both partially), 52, 53, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use of a compound of formula 1 or 1A to treat or prevent a bacterial infection, compositions comprising said compound, method of screening for such a compound, method of producing an antibacterial agent comprising this compound

subject 2: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 25, 26, 27, 50-51 (both partially), 54, 55, 56, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 2 or 2A (as far as not comprised in subject 1)

subject 3: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 28, 29, 50-51 (both partially), 57, 58, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 4 or 4A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-2)

subject 4: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 30, 31, 50-51 (both partially), 59, 60, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 5 or 5A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-3)

subject 5: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 32, 33, 50-51 (both partially), 61, 62, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 6 or 6A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-4)

subject 6: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 34, 35, 50-51 (both partially), 63, 64, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 7 or 7A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-5)

subject 7: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 36, 37, 50-51 (both partially), 65, 66, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 8 or 8A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-6)

subject 8: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 38, 39, 50-51 (both partially), 67, 68, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 9 or 9A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-7)

subject 9: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 40, 41, 50-51 (both partially), 69, 70, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 10 or 10A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-8)

subject 10: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 42, 43, 50-51 (both partially), 71, 72, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 11 or 11A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-9)

subject 11: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 44, 45, 50-51 (both partially), 73, 74, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 12 or 12A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-10)

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subject 12: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 46, 47, 50-51 (both partially), 75, 76, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 13 or 13A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-11)

subject 13: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 48, 49, 50-51 (both partially), 77, 78, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 14 or 14A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-12)

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3. X As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
Subjects 1 5 and 9 Please see next page for further information
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
Remark on Protest The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest. No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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subject 1: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 23, 24, 50-51 (both partially), 52, 53, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use of a compound of formula 1 or 1A to treat or prevent a bacterial infection, compositions comprising said compound, method of screening for such a compound, method of producing an antibacterial agent comprising this compound

subject 2: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 25, 26, 27, 50-51 (both partially), 54, 55, 56, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 2 or 2A (as far as not comprised in subject 1)

subject 3: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 28, 29, 50-51 (both partially), 57, 58, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 4 or 4A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-2)

subject 4: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 30, 31, 50-51 (both partially), 59, 60, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 5 or 5A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-3)

<u>subject 5</u>: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 32, 33, 50-51 (both partially), 61, 62, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 6 or 6A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-4)

subject 6: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 34, 35, 50-51 (both partially), 63, 64, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 7 or 7A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-5)

subject 7: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 36, 37, 50-51 (both partially), 65, 66, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 8 or 8A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-6)

subject 8: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 38, 39, 50-51 (both partially), 67, 68, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 9 or 9A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-7)

subject 9: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 40, 41, 50-51 (both partially), 69, 70, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 10 or 10A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-8)

subject 10: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 42, 43, 50-51 (both partially), 71, 72, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 11 or 11A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-9)

subject 11: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 44, 45, 50-51 (both partially), 73, 74, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 12 or 12A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-10)

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<u>subject 12</u>: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 46, 47, 50-51 (both partially), 75, 76, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 13 or 13A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-11)

subject 13: claims 1 to 22 (all partially), 48, 49, 50-51 (both partially), 77, 78, 79-103 (all 24 partially): use, composition, method of screening and of producing an antibacterial agent as in subject 1 but relating to a compound of formula 14 or 14A (as far as not comprised in subjects 1-12)

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